**PART ONE**. **THOMAS PAINE’S *COMMON SENSE***. Read the entire document, and answer all of the questions below as a group. Be certain to answer every aspect of the question or questions in the textbox.

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| **Question or Writing Prompts:** | **Responses of the Group:** |
| 1. Even after battles of Lexington and Concord, many American colonists refused to support war against England. How did Thomas Paine make an argument ***in favor of war***? |  |
| 2. How does Thomas Paine use the analogy of a child breaking away from his or her parents to describe the American Revolution? What are the ***successes and weaknesses*** of the analogy? |  |
| 3. What examples does Thomas Paine provide to suggest that Americans will be materially ***better off economically*** once they won their independence? How did England’s mercantilism exploit and hurt Americans? |  |
| 4. What sort of people are in favor of reconciliation with England and ***restoring peace***, even after battles had been fought at Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill? |  |
| 5. How does ***geography*** influence one’s beliefs regarding the course of the American Revolution, according to Thomas Paine? |  |
| 6. What does your group consider the ***most compelling*** argument that Thomas Paine makes?  6B. What ***legitimate fears*** might Americans have still had in 1776, which would have encouraged people to remain Loyal to England? |  |

**PART TWO. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**. Read the document and answer all of the questions regarding Jefferson’s work.

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| 1. Explain why Jefferson was encouraged to remove his criticism of slavery from the ***Declaration of Independence***. How might the committee have changed the passage in order to encourage the demise of slavery? |  |

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| 2. What are purposes of government, according to the Declaration of Independence?  **NOTE**: Quote a specific passage from the document in your answer! |  |
| 3. When is it appropriate to overthrow the government and find new methods to govern?  **NOTE**: Quote a specific passage from the document in your answers! |  |
| 4. Why do you think the Declaration of Independence is directed at the ***King***, rather than the Parliament? |  |
| 5. Read the entire list of grievances. Then, select the ***seven (7) most important grievances*** – according to the members of your group. |  |

**PART THREE**. **THE BILL OF RIGHTS & THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**. Complete the graphic below regarding the Bill of Rights.

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| **Amendment to the Constitution and the issue(s) raised by it:** | **Where is this issue raised by Thomas Paine in his pamphlet, *Common Sense*?** | **How did Thomas Jefferson raise this concern in the *Declaration of Independence*?** |
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